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June 11, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 June 11, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR TWO WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to purchase food and beverages for two women's health conferences.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to purchase food and beverages in an amount not to exceed \$2,000; 100 percent offset by a donation from the Los Angeles County Commission for Women for two women's health conferences entitled "Using Data to Make a Difference" and "Healthy Aging for Women". DPH will host the conferences on July 9, 2013 and October 31, 2013, respectively, for Health Deputies, DPH and Department of Health Services' senior management, funders, legislators, and local community leaders.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for the two women's health conferences each of which are anticipated to be five-hour events. A light breakfast and snack that model healthy nutrition will be served to the anticipated 200 participants at each conference. Health professionals for these invitation-only events will include Health Deputies, senior management from DPH and the Department of Health Services, funders, legislators, and local community leaders.

The goal of the “Using Data to Make a Difference” conference is to inform and educate health professionals, and community stakeholders on the latest findings and implications of the 2013 Health Indicators for Women in Los Angeles County report.

This conference will feature a panel discussion highlighting health inequities noted in the report and placing them within the context of the social determinants of health. By creating awareness of the impact of health inequities on women, their families, and their communities, strategies can be devised to begin closing those gaps. Presenting the data on health inequities can drive policies, programs, and initiatives to address the most pressing needs.

The goal of the “Healthy Aging for Women” conference is to assist health professionals and community leaders to prepare their organizations to work with the growing number of aging women by increasing awareness of priority health issues and encouraging the adoption of evidence-based programs to address those issues.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended action will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for two women's health conferences to be held in fiscal year 2013-14, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000; fully offset by a donation from the Los Angeles County Commission for Women that was accepted under the authority granted to DPH under section 2.4.2, Donation Reporting Requirements, of the County Fiscal Manual. There is no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

DPH's Office of Women's Health, in partnership with the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, developed the 2013 Health Indicators for Women in Los Angeles County dedicated solely to examining the key indicators of health for women in Los Angeles County. The report highlights disparities by ethnicity and poverty level, underscoring the complex intersectional health needs of women in Los Angeles County.

Both conferences will include experts who will provide information to health professionals and community stakeholders to assist in addressing the increasing health needs of aging women and disparities in health policies, programs, and services to women.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The conferences will promote the health and well-being of women throughout Los Angeles County.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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